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For: ANTAGONISTS OF INTERLEUKIN-15

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

This responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed 06 September 2001.

Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one month extension of time, extending the
period of response to 06 November 2001.

Election of Claims

The Examiner required restriction to one of six groups of claims. Applicants elect
the claims of Group III, "drawn to antagonists which are conjugated IL-15 molecules."
Applicants have cancelled the claims of Groups I, II, IV, and V. New claims 26-46 are
directed to conjugated IL-15 antagonists. New claims 47-55 are directed to methods of
making and using conjugated IL-15 antagonists.

Amendment of Claims

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Please cancel claims 1, 2, 20 and 23-25, and add the following new claims (26 -
55).

26. (new) An antagonist of interleukin-15 (IL-15) activity comprising IL-15, or a
mucin of IL-15, conjugated with a chemical group that sterically interferes with the
ability of IL-15 to transduce a signal through the IL-15 receptor complex.